Side Story
Chapter 2

IN REIN-HART.
I ADMIT I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I WAS TURNED AWAY AT THE GATE AND HANDED A MAP TO THIS PLACE. SOMETHING HAPPENED HUH?
SORRY YOU HAVE TO STAY IN THIS RUN-DOWN OLD HOUSE ON THE OUT-SKIRTS
YEAH IT'S REALLY BAD
I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A MORE MAJESTIC WELCOME THAN THIS
YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT BELRIS
YEAH, IT'S MY LUNGS
YOUR LUNGS? ARE YOU COMING DOWN WITH SOME-THING?
WELL IT'S BEEN COMING AND GOING LATELY
HELLO, SIR PAPAS. MY NAME IS INDIJK. I AM A MINISTER
IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO MEET YOU!
FOUND ANY NEW CLUES TO LADY MAASA'S WHERE-ABOUTS YET?
I SEE ...
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THE REASON I WROTE YOU THAT LETTER IS BECAUSE THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN ONLY ASK OF YOU AS MY BEST FRIEND... CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?
RIGHT... I'LL GET TO THE POINT
MY KING... I'M SURE YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO CATCH UP ON, BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE THE CASTLE OPEN VERY LONG
YEAH
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DIDN'T WE MEET LADY MASA THE FIRST TIME ON ONE OF THOSE TRIPS...?
BEL-GIS
I'M SO SICK AND TIRED OF POLITICS I MISS THE GOOD OLD TIMES WHEN WE USED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD TOGETHER
COUGH COUGH
COUGH COUGH
IF ONLY IT WASN'T FOR THIS ACCURSED ILLNESS
THERE'S HENRY CHILD OF THE FORMER QUEEN, AND DALE CHILD OF THE CURRENT [redacted]
FIRST IN LINE TO THE THRONE IS OBVIOUSLY HENRY WHO IS OLDER
I WANT YOU TO HELP ONE OF MY SONS, THE ONE THAT IS FIRST IN LINE TO THE THRONE I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW BUT I HAVE TWO SONS
SORRY, I GOT OFF-TRACK THERE ...
COUGH

BUT SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN
BY THE CURRENT QUEEN PECHE-MANDRA, NO LESS
YEAH
A PLOT TO ASSAS-SINATE PRINCE HENRY!?
YOU AND INRIJK ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE I CAN TRUST NOW...
THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT I'M SICK AND OLD AND DON'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE SO EVERY VASSAL IN THIS KINGDOM IS TRYING TO PICK THE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS SIDE RIGHT NOW...
INSTEAD OF HER SON-IN-LAW
SHE'S CRAZY ABOUT DALE. SHE'S TRYING TO MAKE HIM THE KING OF REINHART
SHOW THEM HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE AND THEY ARE BOUND TO COME CRAWLING BACK TO YOU
AND THE VASSALS KNOW IT TOO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE SURE THAT PRINCE HENRY SURVIVES
THAT'S NOT TRUE AND YOU KNOW IT EVER SINCE YOU BECAME KING, THIS KINGDOM'S BEEN SAFE PEACEFUL, AND PROS-PEROUS
I GUESS ALL THOSE VASSALS EVER LIKED ABOUT ME WAS THE CROWN ON MY HEAD. LAUGH AT ME IF YOU WANT...
IT'S SAD REAL-LY...

IF THAT IS ALL RIGHT WITH YOU
WE'D LIKE YOU TO STAY BY PRINCE HENRY'S SIDE AS AN IMPERIAL GUARD
?
I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HENRY WHILE I'M OFF TO PERSUADE PECHE-MANDRA
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. SORRY.
SO, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
IF I WAS YOU, I'D TRY TO GET HER OUT OF THE CASTLE FIRST EVEN IF IT MEANS MAKING UP AN EXCUSE OR WOULD THAT BE TOO RISKY AS WELL?
I DON'T MIND BUT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN PERSUADE HER?
I'LL ONLY USE IT AS A LAST RESORT IF AT ALL.
EVEN MORE SO IF SOLDIERS GET INVOLVED I'D LIKE TO AVOID A CIVIL WAR
IT'S NOT JUST HENRY I'M WORRIED ABOUT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER CASUALTIES TOO
MUCH TOO RISKY WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'LL PULL IF I DO THAT
WILL YOU HELP ME?
I'M SORRY I GOT YOU INVOLVED IN THIS MESS, DUMPAPOS, BUT—
MY WIFE'S POWER RIVALS MINE NOW
COUGH, COUGH

IF I CAN'T, I WILL OF COURSE FULFIL MY DUTY AS THE KING BUT...
...NOT REALLY
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN PERSUADE HER?
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"LOVE TAKES PRECE-DENCE OVER DUTY", WASN'T IT?
!!
THAT'S WHY I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE HER UNTIL THE END WITH MY LOVE!
THEY'RE YOUR WORDS, AREN'T THEY?
IN FACT, IT'S WHAT SAVED US IN THAT FOREST, REMEM-BER?
I KNOW IT'S NAIVE COMING FROM A KING RULING OVER A KINGDOM BUT AS JUST ANOTHER HUMAN BEING I LIKE TO BELIEVE THE WORDS
I OBEYED THE WORDS WHENEVER I HAD TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION AND NEVER REGRET-TED IT...

WAS MAASA
THE ONE WHO SAID IT FIRST
NO
LOVE SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE PRECE-DENCE OVER DUTY!!
YOU CAN'T PUT THE VILLAGE'S RULES ABOVE HUMAN LIVES!
I ONLY EVER USED THEM ONCE AND THAT WAS WHEN I NEEDED AN EXCUSE TO ABAN-DON MY KINGDOM
BUT I...
WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE OR BELIEVE IN SOMEONE LIKE YOU ARE
HER WORDS ARE ONLY MEANT TO BE USED
YOU KNOW

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DUMPA-POS...
YES, SIR!
ALRIGHT, IT'S TIME TO LEAVE PREPARE THE BOAT. WE'LL USE THE WEST CANAL ON OUR WAY BACK
I'LL MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGE-MENTS FOR SIR PAPAS STAY AT THE CASTLE AS PRINCE HENRY'S IMPERIAL GUARD
?
DUMPA-POS
...THE TRUTH IS...
BUT LET'S KEEP THE KING'S RELATION TO SIR PAPAS SECRET FOR NOW. JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE

WHAT'S WRONG, RYUKA?
I CAN'T DO IT I CAN'T BECOME FRIENDS WITH HIM
HE'S JUST SO ARROGANT AND SPOILED. HE PISSES ME OFF!
YOU HAVE TO HANG IN THERE BY YOURSELF. I GOT THROWN OUT OF PRINCE HENRY'S ROOM BECAUSE HE CAN'T STAND ME
BUT HE WANTS ME TO BECOME HIS LACKEY! NOT HIS FRIEND!
OKAY
THAT'S MY BOY
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OKAY?
RYUKA, SORRY, BUT YOU HAVE TO ENDURE IT A BIT LONGER

SIR PAPAS
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?
SFX: WAVE
DON'T YOU THINK THERE ARE TOO FEW?
IT'S ABOUT THE IMPERIAL GUARDS
LISTEN! THERE'S A TREASURE CHEST IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR WITH A LACKEY'S BADGE IN IT. GO AND GET IT!
GOT IT?
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU INSIST, I SHALL LET YOU BE MY LACKEY
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LET'S DO IT

YOU BETTER STOP MESSING WITH ME OR I'LL GET...
THERE WASN'T EVEN ANYTHING IN THAT CHEST!!
SFX: EMPTY
!!
HUH PRINCE HENRY'S GONE
LET'S GO
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME IF...
...?
I-IS SOMETHING WRONG?
!!
DAD, COME!!
!!
SFX: RUSH

I SENSE PEOPLE OUTSIDE!!!
HE'S NOT IN HIS ROOM !!
PRINCE HENRY IS GONE!
DID YOU DO IT?
YEAH, HE'S OUT COLD
OKAY LET'S GO!
THESE VOICES ..!?
SHIT!!
SFX: TAP
SFX: THUD
SFX: JUMP
DAD!!
SIR PAPAS !?
GO GO GO!!

RYLIKA! YOU WAIT INSIDE THE CASTLE FOR ME!! GOT IT?
MINISTER!! I'LL CHASE THEM! REPORT THIS TO THE KING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
SFX LEAP
THOSE THIEVES' HIDEOUT IS IN THE ANCIENT RUINS TO THE NORTH! YOU HAVE TO TELL YOUR FATHER!
EH?
KID, HURRY, RUN AFTER HIM!
DAD!!
PUCKLE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW DAD'S SCENT!!
BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS WHO THEY ARE IN THESE PARTS NOW! HURRY AFTER HIM OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP TO HIM!
WHY DO YOU KNOW THEIR HIDE-OUT?
O-OKAY!
HEHE HE GOOD KID

BUT I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE RUINS LIKE THIS NORTH OF REINHART
WHY'D THEY BRING HIM HERE?
IF THEY WANTED TO KILL HIM, THEY COULD HAVE DONE SO IN THE CASTLE
I FORCED ONE OF THE KIDNAPPERS TO TELL ME WHERE THEIR HIDEOUT IS WHEN HE AMBUSHED ME

I GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
DOES PECHE-MANDRA MAYBE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND FOR HIM?
SFX: RUMBLE
WELL, WELL...
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
SUCH AN INTER-ESTING GUEST...

CRACK
WHAT IS WITH THIS PLACE ....
PLUS, IT'S BEING GUARDED BY UNDEAD MONSTERS
IT'S ILLUMINATED INSIDE ....

PUFF
PUFF
WHA!?
DAD!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE, RYUKA!?
WHEW I'M SO SPENT
I RAN ALL THE WAY AFTER YOU
JUST SO I CAN TELL YOU WHERE THE HIDEOUT OF THOSE THIEVES WHO KIDNAPPED PRINCE HENRY IS
THAT MINISTER GUY TOLD ME TO—
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AH
UM...
BUT I GUESS IT WASN'T NECESSARY SINCE YOU MANAGED TO FIND IT WITHOUT ME—
THE MIN-ISTER DID?

ALRIGHT! IT'S THE TWO OF US FROM THIS POINT ON! MAKE SURE TO STICK CLOSE TO ME!
OKAY!!
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT ANGRY I'M GLAD YOU MADE IT HERE SAFELY
SORRY, I DIDN'T STAY PUT LIKE YOU SAID
MY BAD
OOPS I GUESS IT'S THE THREE OF US, HUH?
BOW! BOW!
GOW!!
I TRIED TO BRING YOU AS MUCH AS I COULD ...
OH YEAH, HERE'S SOME OF YOUR THINGS, DAD!

LOOK DAD!
PRINCE HENRY!!
PRINCE HENRY!
HNG
SFX: GRIP GRIP GRIP
PRINCE HENRY, ARE YOU OKAY!?
OOF!!
STAY AWAY, RYUKA!
SFX: CLINK CLINK

!!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO COME HERE...
HMH...
PRINCE!! YOU'RE UNINJURED?
GOOD! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
MY LITTLE BROTHER DALE SHOULD JUST SUCCEED THE THRONE IN MY PLACE...
OH WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS PLANNING ON GOING BACK TO THE CASTLE ANYWAY
SFX: SLAP
WHAT
PRINCE!!
SOMEONE LIKE ME IS BETTER OFF DEAD ANYWA-
...

YOUR FATHER KING BELGIS
IF YOU HAD ANY IDEA HOW MUCH HE CARES ABOUT YOU!!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?
DAD NEVER GIVES A SHIT ABOUT ME!!
IF HE DID HE'D COME TO SAVE ME WHEN I GET KIDNAPPED, AT LEAST!!
BUT WHERE IS HE NOW!?
THE KING IS VERY ILL...
ILL? BET IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS ANYWAY
HMH...
THAT'S WHAT HE KEEPS TELLING EVERY ONE
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE...
EH!?
NO ONE IN THE CASTLE KNOWS ABOUT IT...
BUT HE TOLD ME BECAUSE I'M HIS BEST FRIEND
IN CASE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME YOU SHOULD GO ASK HIM YOURSELF!
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NOW, LET'S RETURN TO THE CASTLE, BEFORE ANY MORE OF THEM COME AFTER US
PRINCE HENRY
PLEASE
TSK. SPEAK OF THE DEVIL
KA KA KA KA !!
SFX: WHOOSH
DAD, MON-STERS!!
YOU TWO GO AHEAD! LEAVE THE MONSTERS TO ME!!
EH!?
SFX: HRAM

FIRE-BANE
BUT
TAKE PRINCE HENRY OUT OF HERE!!!
SFX: PA W
RUIN!
SFX: KER WHAM
SFX: SLICE
SFX: DASH

SFX: SLICE
SFX: STAB
!!?
?
WAIT... I CAN'T RUN...
AS FAST AS YOU
PRINCE HENRY! PLEASE HURRY! WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF HERE!!

HOHO HOHO HO...
NOW... COME TO ME
TRYING TO LEAVE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION? AREN'T YOU TWO NAUGHTY KIDS
I SHALL PUNISH YOU!

HOPE RYUKI AND THE PRINCE MADE IT OUT...
LOOKS LIKE I GOT ALL OF THEM
SFX: BOOM
TCH!?

HEY... IS THIS THE HUMAN WARRIOR MASTER GEMA WAS TALKING ABOUT?
HAH! LET ME SQUASH THIS FLY IN ONE HIT!!
SFX: THUMP

Appendix:

Chorocters in chopter 2:

Papas (Ponkraz)

Belgis

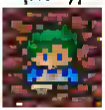
Ryuka (The Hera)

Puckle (Sober)

Gemo (Lodjo)

Pechemondro

Henry (Horry)



Dole

Johmi (Kon the Knight)

Gonz (Slon the Rook)

Monsters in chopter 2:

Skeleton (Lesionnaire)

Magician (Prestidigitator)

Spells in chopter 2:

- Firebane (Sizzle)

Locotions in chopter 2:

- Reinhart (Coburg)